

111TH CONGRESS
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H. CON. RES. 163

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas over the course of 45 years, nearly 3,000,000 youth in the United States have been provided a safe living and learning environment on Job Corps campuses nationwide;

Whereas 123 Job Corps campuses educate and train 60,000 youth in the United States each year;

Whereas throughout its more than four decades of existence, Job Corps has successfully provided the Nation's economically disadvantaged youth with critical residential, academic, and vocational services;

Whereas Job Corps is considered the Nation's largest and most successful high school dropout recovery and youth empowerment program;

Whereas youth enrolled in Job Corps, receive intensive academic remediation, gain employability, learn life skills, and receive job placement assistance;

Whereas Job Corps builds the lives of youth, many of whom are high school dropouts, read slightly below the 8th grade reading level, and have never held a full-time job;

Whereas in an average 8 month stay at Job Corps the vast majority of youth leave with a high school diploma or equivalency, improve their literacy by more than two grade levels, and 75 percent of Job Corps graduates secure employment or enter the military;

Whereas Job Corps' successful model of preparing youth in the United States has included partnerships and linkages with employers and labor representatives;

Whereas this public-private partnership of American ingenuity has led to local and large employers and labor representatives providing Job Corps students hands-on, practical experience through internships and helping during the transition from student to employee;

Whereas Job Corps students and staff have contributed to their communities through millions of hours of community service, signaling the importance of giving back to the communities in which they live;

Whereas dedicated Job Corps staff invest their time and talents in the lives of students and without whom Job Corps could not fulfill its mission;

Whereas the economic benefits of a local Job Corps center generate 100 permanent jobs, thus producing 15,000 qualified and dedicated staff in 48 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico; and

Whereas September 23, 2009, would be an appropriate day to designate as “National Job Corps Day”, in honor of the 45th anniversary of Job Corps: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That Congress—

3 (1) supports the designation of “National Job
4 Corps Day”; and

5 (2) encourages State and local governments to
6 observe the day with appropriate activities that pro-
7 mote awareness of Job Corps.

Passed the House of Representatives September 24,
2009.

Attest:

Clerk.

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Expressing support for designation of September
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